

Prepare your Apartment for a Fire Emergency



Smoke Alarms

YOU are responsible for maintenance, testing your smoke alarm and replacing the batteries.



Test Your Smoke Detector

- ✓ Have a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and one on every level of the apartment.
- ✓ Check alarms monthly (by pushing the test button & listening for alarm).
- ✓ Change your batteries twice yearly during daylight savings time (change your clocks change your batteries).
- ✓ Dust is your smoke alarms #1 enemy. Vacuum dust from the grill of your detector twice a year.
- ✓ Replace your smoke alarm every 10 years.

Exits/Access clear

- ✓ Check for locked or barred exit doors in the hallway. They should open easily from the inside.
- ✓ Keep access to your apartment clear and open by keeping storage away from doors and windows.
- ✓ Remove or report any combustible storage found under stairwells or blocking hallways.

Addressing

- ✓ Make sure your address is clearly visible from the street for emergency responders.
- ✓ Post your address and phone number in the apartment for babysitters and visitors.

Escape Plans

Most people die from smoke, not fire. The goal here is to practice getting away from the smoke.

- ✓ Have two plans or routes of escape from your apartment and agree on a meeting place outside.
- ✓ Practice using both ways out closing doors behind you to prevent the spread of fire.
- ✓ Draw, plan, and practice your escape routes every 6 months.
- ✓ Locate fire alarm pull stations in your building and know how to use them.
- ✓ Teach young children that they must escape from a fire and never hide.
- ✓ Encourage management to schedule regular Fire Drills for all residents.



Draw and Plan Your Escape



Practice Your Escape

Fire Extinguisher

- ✓ Have an all purpose fire extinguisher available hanging by your exit.
- ✓ Learn the limits of your extinguisher and use it only on small fires.

Life Safety is Everyone's business - Be Fire Safety Conscious!